इन आर्मी सिख युवकों की कम कर दी गई है । क्या सरकार यह विचार कर रही है कि आर्मी और पुलिस में सिख युवकों की बहाली जो कम कर दी गई है उसको बढ़ाया जाए। क्या सेरकार यह विचार कर रही है, यह मेरा प्रश्न हैं ?

श्री सभापति: क्या आपने संख्या कम कि है He says that you have reduced the recruitment of Sikhs in the Army, military and police forces. He asks, will you consider to review it.

श्री मुफ्ती मोहम्मद सईद : यह बात सही है कि जब आर्मी में पेरामिलिटेरी फोर्सेज में रिक्रूटमेंट का सवाल आता था सबसे ज्यादा रिक्रूटमेंट पंजाब से हुआ करता था ।

Being a martial race, they have craze for this.

ज्यादा लोग आर्मी या पुलिस में जाना चाहते हैं । लेकिन मैं आनरेलवल मैम्बर से इत्तेफ़ाक नहीं करता हूं कि यह जो रेश्यो दिया गया है पापुलेशन के मुताबिक लिया जाएगा, ऐसा पंजाब के सिलसिले में नहीं किया गया । जहां तक आर्मी और पेरामिलिटेरी फोर्सेज में भर्ती का सवाल है, वहां उस रेश्यो का सवाल नहीं। वहां बहुत तादाद में आर्मी में भी और पेरामिलिटेरी फोर्सेज में पंजाब के जवानों को भर्ती किया जाता है ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : And there is no discrimination against them?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it cannot be called a craze. We are proud of these people.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You did not mean 'craze' in that bad sense.

श्री मुफ्ती मोहम्मद सईद : मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि पंजाब के जवान में जोश है कि वह आर्मी में जाना चाहता है और पेरामिलिटेरी फोर्सेज में जाना चाहता है ।

Iran-Pak Defence pact against India

*226. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Iran-Pak nexus in the wake of recent strong utterances in Tehran and Islamabad against India on Kashmir and the proposed "Islamic Defence Line" and their defence pact, which are mainly intended against India ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to counter their tirade against India in the international community and their acquisition of the latest defence arsenal, including nuclear powered submarines, French Mirages and Chinese ballistic missiles; and

(c) what would be the impact of the same on our international relations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Government have seen press reports but there appears to be no confirmed evidence about the so-called "Islamic Defence Line" or any new defence pact.

(b) and (c) Our views on Kashmir have been made known to the entire international community. Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India. Pakistan's interference in our internal affairs is unacceptable.

Government keep all developments which have a bearing on India's security under constant review and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the reply given by the Minister is a very very casual one to a very very vital question. While evaluating the balance of power in the Continent, it cannot now be just taken as Indo Pak, but definitely the Pak Iran nexus will also have to be taken into account. Sir, Iran has been getting a lot of aid

from Islamabad including Silkworm missiles, F 6 and F 7 fighters, etc. Further, last year, they also signed a defence co-operation agreement. Recently, Mr. Javed Larijani' Adviser to the Iranian President, has also said a that there will be a natural joint alignment with Islamabad to ensure against an Indian victory in the Indo-Pak war. Also, there has been a talk of an 'Islamic defence line', by no less a person than the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' Minister, Mr. Ali Shamkhani. He has said that Iran and Pakistan would collaborate in forming an 'Islamic defence line' in the region. With all this evidence and also in view of the fact that in the 1965 and 1971 wars, Iran was a base for the refuelling of Pakistani aircraft, I would like to know what steps are being taken to counter this Pakistan Iran nexus. This should also be viewed in the context of Iran's views on Kashmir.

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL Sir, so far as the statements regarding Kashmir are concerned, a strong protest has already been made, as the House is aware.

So far as the defence pacts, etc., are concerned, the Government is fully cognisant of it and we are taking steps.

So far as the question of formation of a bloc is concerned, I think, the hon. Member will agree with me that the phase of formation of blocs is over. Anybody who now talks in terms of formation of blocs, today, lives in the world of yesterday. This should be kept in mind Even in regard to the question of pacts between Pakitan, Iran and other countries, which are being talked about, as you are aware, some efforts were made in the past also. As the hon. Member will recall, we had the CENTO, the Baghdad Pact, etc. But they did not take off and they will not take off even in future.

I would like the hon. Member to keep in mind that, firstly, we are congnisant of what is happening around us and, secondly we, have the fullest confidence in our capacity to defend ourselves.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Sir, I do not agree with the views expressed by the hon. Minister because, in Iran, funcamentalism has taken deep roots and, therefore, these pacts are a distinct possibility in the near future.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is aware of the fact that Pakistan, today, is playing the role of a broker in getting arms from China and giving them to Iran. They will definitely look forward to a reward for this. Also, is the hon. Minister aware that Pakistan and Iran are building a secret nuclear centre in Qarvin, in Iran. What steps are being taken to counter this?

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : Sir, so far as the rise of fundamentalism is concerned, it is a matter of reality that the world over, I would say, anti-development moves are taking place. This is not only in regard to India. Several other countries are now concerned about it.

The hon. Member mentioned about arms from China being transferred to Iran *via* Pakistan. We are not aware of such *via* transfers. Some transfers may take place directly also. But one has to keep in mind the fact that, today, the onslaught of fundamentalism concerns China, the Soviet Union and everybody. Therefore, everybody will be congnisant of this fact. So far as we are concerned, we are not looking at it in terms of fundamentalism etc. We are looking at it in terms of national security which we will safeguard at all costs.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : He has not answered about the nuclear centre.

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : I have seen Press reports. But those are not confirmed yet.

SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Sir, it is very clear from the hon. Minister's answer that some contacts have been made by Pakistan with Iran and a nexus is developing, which is working against India. Pakistan has been using every possible opportunity to polarise the Islamic countries against India, for diplomatic onslaught against this country as well as for future defence pacts. According to information, a number of special envoys of the Pakistan Government are touring the Islamic countries, creating a misunderstanding about India and enlisting their support against us.

I would like to know whether the Government of India have, so far, taken any effective steps to counter this diplomatic exercise by Pakistan and to prevent and preempt the polarisation of the Islamic world against India, be it on defence considerations, or on the Kashmir issue.

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : Sir, this is a fact that Pakistan has been sending envoys, trying to create misunderstanding on the issue of religion, but it is a fortunate fact and if I may claim a sort of credit to our side, that the entire Islamic world barring one or two countries have not agreed with Pakistan's perceptions that this is a religious issue.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, yesterday on national T.V. network a film of Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir's success was shown. What was the aim of the Government to show Ms. Benazir Bhutto's achievements on television? Will it sober down the relations by showing such a film on T.V. ? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. UPENDRA : He has referred to T.V. with your permission, Sir, I will answer that question on behalf of my colleague.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : There is something called collective responsibility. When we put the question, the Minister concerned gives the reply and now he says that he wants to reply.. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI I.K. GUJRAL : If my hon. friend wants me to tell him about the film which unfortunately I have not seen, he will have to give me a notice for that.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Sir, let me reply. It relates to a film shown on television.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : We will not mind Mr. Upendra replying. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next Question.

*227. [*The questioner (Shri V. Narayanasamy) was absent. For answer vide col.....38....infra.*]

जम्मू और कश्मीर के मामलों के प्रभारी मंत्री की सहायता के लिए समिति

*228. श्री राम लखेश्वर दास : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जम्मू और कश्मीर के मामलों के मंत्री की सहायता के लिए कोई समिति गठित की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उक्त समिति में, कश्मीर घाटी में अल्पसंख्यकों के प्रतिनिधियों को भी शामिल किया गया है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार अल्पसंख्यकों के मन में विश्वास पैदा करने के लिए घाटी में प्रतिनिधियों को उस समिति में शामिल करने का विचार रखती है ?